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Montana Swimming
Executive Board Meeting
March 1, 2016
WebEx/conference call
APPROVED - April 12, 2016

Present:

Tony Popp - President
Matt Yovich - Finance Vice Chair
Craig Smith - Treasurer
Tami Peters - Secretary
Jade Sobek - Technical Planning Chair
Susan Huckeby - Information Technology Chair
Shelly Sobek - Safe Sport Coordinator
Mrs. Toni Popp - Age Group Vice Chair
Alyssa Boese - Sr. Athlete Rep

Absent

Curt Jacobson - Admin Vice Chair
Lanni Jacobson - Registrar Times Chair/LSC Time Officer
Pam Harder - Safety Coordinator
David Berkoff - Program Development Co-Vice Chair
Kyle Potter - Program Development Co-Vice Chair
Kirby Beierle - Coach Representative
Merle Gunderson - Officials Chair
John Heryla - Records Coordinator
Patrick Brennan - Sr. Athlete Rep
Darya Peters- Jr. Athlete Rep
Brendan Campbell - Jr. Athlete Rep

Business

1. President Tony Popp called the meeting to order at 8:03 PM
2. Approval of January 26, 2016 tabled until next meeting.
3. **Athlete Reps reports/updates:**
 - a. Alyssa - Sectional next week in Federal Way.
 - i. Athlete rep elections held at Short Course State: Congratulations to Hannah Stevens BAC and Olivia Bauman PWST
 1. They will officially receive the "Junior Rep" title at spring HOD, taking over voting privileges then. This will allow the senior reps to help the new junior reps get up to speed over the next couple months.
 - ii. Senior reps wrote up documentation outlining protocol for voting. This worked well this year and will become part of the our policies and procedures at Fall HOD.

4. **Bylaws note:**

- a. Bylaws must be amended by the HOD meeting, but not the Policies and Procedures (just has to be put before the executive board). Tony will verify this.

5. **New Website:**

- a. We have a new skin and have received great comments so far.
 - i. Susan has been working diligently to get all pages and updates completed. Please note this is a work in progress, so be patient as the process is completed.
 - ii. Athlete tab is currently under construction.
 - iii. One idea surfaced to incorporate a “College and Beyond” section to keep up with our graduated swimmers. Hopefully this tab will become a useful tool for the current swimmers; communication with alumni swimmers, and an area to post applications of interest.
- b. Online LSC leadership course from USA Swimming is available. Link to this will be on the website soon. Tony will preview this, then send the link to the executive board.
- c. Shelly asked about the Zones tab. It is now a large command button to the right of the main picture.

6. **Firecracker Meet Date - NOW June 16-19, 2016!:**

- a. Meet has been moved one week earlier to June 16-19th. Spokane also has a meet that weekend. MAC has quite a number of people traveling to Olympic Trials who are normally key players in running the Firecracker meet.

7. **Swimposium:**

- a. Tony sent an email to all teams for venue bids/interest. Deadline for expressing interest is April 2nd, 2016. Tony just needs to know who has a pool available, conference rooms, and is interested in hosting it.
- b. What is needed to host?: Pool time of ~6 hours each day plus 2 conference rooms. A host site that is somewhat centrally located in the state would be preferred.
- c. Educational presentations possibilities: Swim Clinic, coaches clinic, and parent clinic. List of other options can be found on the USA Swimming website.
- d. This event will not cost the teams anything to host; just the joy of having an Olympian athlete attend their community! (We are not paying USA Swimming for this.) Discussion centered around the following: Do we want to charge a registration fee to encourage people who sign up actually attend? This money would then go to MT Swimming. Only cost we have to cover is feeding people while they are there. Do we want to charge all people the same? Parents, officials, coaches, athletes? USA Swimming will cover all travel, hotel, per diem, etc. costs.
 - i. Matt - Registration fees are a good thing.
 - ii. Shelly - Past Mixer Meets charged \$30 per person (\$30 covers the cost of feeding people about 4 meals).
- e. Athlete reps should look at list of Olympic athletes available and make a list of their preferences.

8. Mixer Meet - April 30 - May 1, 2016:

- a. Update by Shelly. Plans are taking place in good time and order. This year's meet will be run very similar to last year (Also hosted by Bozeman). An email will be sent out shortly to coaches asking them to come and help....please!
- b. Tony - Club Leadership and Business Management will take place concurrently the first day. Encourages the athlete reps to get involved and help out with this meet.

9. Zones Meet Coach Updates:

- a. For both Senior and Age Group Zones Teams: Kirby did get some applications:
 - i. Kirby Beierle (MYST) applied for Head coach of the Senior Zone Team.
 - ii. Jade Sobek (BOZ) will be head coach for Age Group.
 - iii. Terry Brown (HLST) applied for assistant coach for Age Group Zone Team.
 - iv. Kyle Potter (MYST) is interested in for a position also, likely for the Senior Zones.
 - v. Major Robison (KATS) is interested, but may be going to Futures.
 - vi. Randy (Polson) is willing to be a backup for anything.

10. Build A Pool (Missoula, June 11-12, 2016):

- a. Details and planning mostly completed.
- b. Registration and flyer is on the website.
- c. Please urge all people involved in the pool environment at your community to attend!

11. Short Course Schedule:

- a. Jade will be working on a Short Course schedule to propose at the May HOD meeting in Bozeman.
- b. Jade would like to have both the Short Course and Long Course schedules discussed at the May HOD.
 - i. All bids for Championship meets could be done at the same time.
 - ii. Having this scheduling discussion at one time might ensure that the available funds for each Championship meet is thoughtfully divided. Craig reminded that there is a maximum fund for each meet.
 - iii. It would also be nice to get all the scheduling done once a year.

12. Next conference call meeting: 8:00PM, Tuesday, April 12, 2016.

- a. Curt will send out an invite as a reminder approximately 1 week prior to the meeting.

13. Tony adjourned the meeting at 8:52 PM, none opposed.

Respectfully submitted by Tami Peters, Secretary